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SMART GROWTH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS
FISCAL YEAR 2005

GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Smart Growth Technical Assistance Program of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA) offers grants to the Commonwealth's municipalities and Regional Planning Agencies in support of their efforts to implement land use regulations that are consistent with Massachusetts' Sustainable Development Principles.

These grants are specifically intended to help municipalities:

- Improve their Commonwealth Capital score (by implementing the environmental and planning practices listed as Commonwealth Capital criteria), and
- Pursue other smart growth consistent actions, with a preference for those from their Community Development or Master Plans.

The Romney Administration has undertaken a robust effort, through the Office for Commonwealth Development (OCD), to promote smart growth development across the state. A major part of the effort includes a focus on changing local land use policies to allow for less sprawling development patterns and to encourage the revitalization of the Commonwealth's downtown areas. One of the principal tools developed by the Administration is the Commonwealth Capital Policy, which gives preference to those municipal grant applicants that undertake actions to promote smart growth. To assist municipalities in implementing smart growth strategies, EOEA is offering grants through its Smart Growth Technical Assistance Program.

This notice is intended solely as a brief summary of information about the program and not a request for applications. Formal announcement of this grant, including **eligibility**, **evaluation criteria**, and the **response process** has been made by the posting of the RFR on the Commonwealth's procurement site, <http://www.comm-pass.com>. Interested parties are advised to check that site for the posting of this and other pertinent information.

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